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FOR: DISTRIBUTION NETWORK MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEM

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 63-109694) on Form PTO-1449:

In the proposed, even if a time slot shifts by incorrect operation of a transmission noise or a timing clock etc., incorrect operation is recoverable by also treating the signal as the status change, and uniting and calling Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) before and behind the time slot concerned.

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AA		5,973,899	10/26/1999	B. R. WILLIAMS, et al.			
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AO		63-109694	05/14/1988	JAPAN		X	
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
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